

# HOUSE BILL No. 1605

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-19-14.5.

**Synopsis:** Green lights on vehicles. Authorizes the display of green lights on a vehicle other than those that flash or revolve. Makes it a Class C infraction to display a flashing or revolving green light on a public or private motor vehicle other than one belonging to an emergency services responder. Revises the restrictions and conditions for display of green lights on a privately owned vehicle belonging to an emergency services responder.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-19-14.5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. A privately owned  
3 vehicle belonging to a certified emergency medical technician, certified  
4 emergency medical service driver, or certified emergency medical  
5 service first responder while traveling in the line of duty in connection  
6 with emergency medical services activities may display green lights,  
7 subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

8 (1) The lights ~~may not must~~ have a light source ~~less than fifty~~  
9 ~~(50) candlepower. of at least thirty-five (35) watts.~~

10 (2) All lights shall be placed on the:

11 (A) top of the vehicle;

12 (B) dashboard inside a vehicle, shielded to prevent  
13 distracting the driver; or

14 (C) front of the vehicle upon the bumper or at bumper  
15 level.

16 (3) Not more than ~~two (2) green lights~~ **four (4) green light**  
17 **assemblies** may be displayed on ~~a one (1)~~ vehicle, and each



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1 **green light assembly** must be of the flashing or revolving type.  
2 **and visible at three hundred sixty (360) degrees:**

3 ~~(4) The lights must consist of a lamp with a green lens and not of~~  
4 ~~an uncolored lens with a green bulb. However, the revolving~~  
5 ~~lights~~ **A green light assembly** may contain multiple bulbs.

6 ~~(5) The green lights~~ **A green light** may not be a part of the regular  
7 head lamps displayed on the vehicle. **Alternately flashing head**  
8 **lamps may be used as a supplemental warning device. Strobe**  
9 **lights or flashers may be installed into the light fixtures on the**  
10 **vehicle other than the alternating head lamps. The strobe**  
11 **lights or flashers may be either white or green, with the**  
12 **exception of red to the rear.**

13 (6) For a person authorized under this chapter to display a  
14 **flashing or revolving** green light on the person's vehicle, the  
15 person must first secure a written permit from the director of the  
16 state emergency management agency to use the light. The permit  
17 must be carried by the person when the light is displayed.

18 SECTION 2. IC 9-19-14.5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. Except as provided  
20 in section 1 of this chapter, a person who displays on any public or  
21 private motor vehicle at any time **flashing or revolving** green lights of  
22 any size or shape commits a Class C infraction.

23 SECTION 3. IC 9-19-14.5-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. This chapter does not  
25 prohibit the operation of a vehicle lawfully equipped with a **flashing or**  
26 **revolving** green light from being operated as any other vehicle when  
27 the green light is not illuminated.

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